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ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 13, 2004
San Francisco, California

Members Present

Alan Kaye, DDS, Chair
Richard Benveniste, DDS
Newton Gordon, DDS
Lawrence Hundley, DDS

Absent

Kevin Biggers, Public Member

Staff Present

Cynthia Gatlin, Executive Officer
Alan Mangels, Attorney General Liaison
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel
Anita Dowty, Board Staff

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:45 a.m. by Dr. Alan Kaye. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

Item 14.1 - Minutes of the January 2004 Anesthesia Committee Meeting

It was m/s/c (Gordon/Hundley) to accept the minutes as presented.

Item 14.2 - Recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Panel

Dr. Kaye stated dentistry was well represented by those on the Panel. He read their names and the organization each represented and gave a brief overview of the work of the Panel.

Item 14.2A - Recommendation to Establish an Anesthesia Review Committee

There was much discussion of the role such a committee might play in the evaluation of anesthesia-related incidents and legal counsel's concerns for legalities and compromise of confidential information. It was m/s/c (Gordon/Hundley) to accept, in concept, the recommendation to establish an Anesthesia Review Committee as a sub-committee, and over the next three months, determine functionality.

Item 14.2B - Recommendation to Review Emergency Protocols

It was m/s/c (Hundley/Benveniste) that Dr. Yagiela be asked to define expected responses for proper management of emergencies separately for GA and for CS. This will be used by the evaluators in conducting in-office evaluations to assure consistencies.

Item 2C - Recommendation for Preparation for an Onsite Inspection and Evaluation

It was m/s/c (Benveniste/Gordon) to require that prior to an onsite inspection, the examinee provide a list of his or her emergency medications.

Dr. Benveniste asked what would be the result if the information were not provided. After brief discussion staff was directed to bring to the August meeting, suggested language to implement this requirement.

Item 14.2D - Recommendation to Amend § 1646 and 1647

It was m/s/c (Hundley/Gordon) to change the frequency of the general anesthesia onsite inspection and evaluation from at least once every six years, to at least once every five years (1646.4). Dr. Gordon pointed out a reference to the frequency of evaluations in § 1646.9 that will also need to reflect the change.

It was m/s/c (Hundley/Benveniste) to change the number of continuing education hours required for renewal of a general anesthesia permit from 15 hours to 24 hours (1646.5).

It was m/s/c (Hundley/Benveniste) to accept the changes recommended, but in 1647.1(b), to use the ADA definition instead of the language proposed (1647.1).

Ms. Marks suggested the Committee review and discuss all of the remaining suggested changes and vote on them together, unless there was an objection to any one of the changes.

The remaining proposed changes were reviewed with little or no discussion. As stated in the recommendations of the Panel, changes, for the most part, will match California law better with national standards and definitions and remove outdated grandfather clauses. The following sections are affected: 1647.2, 1647.3, 1647.4, 1647.10, 1647.12, 1647.14.

It was m/s/c (Benveniste/Hundley) to accept the changes as proposed.

Item 14.2E - Recommendation to Amend § 1043 and 1044

Discussion was initiated on the proposed amendments. Due to time constraints and the need for thorough discussion of the proposed changes, it was m/s/c (Benveniste/Gordon) to hold a public meeting prior to the August Board meeting, to consider this item and the remaining recommendations of the Panel.

The Committee did not consider the approval of a course for certification in oral conscious sedation for minor patients when it was determined it could be deferred to the August meeting.

There was no public comment and the meeting was adjourned.